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steps are taken to arrange for a speedy cure, that is, provision of medical relief in the Headquarters hospital for those in the villages? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Patients in necessary cases are taken to the hospital for treatment."

SRI G. YELLAMANDA REDDI :—" Is there a van attached to the Health Department in Nellore district so that they may take urgent preventive measures? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Whenever there is an outbreak of epidemics, mobile vans are posted to districts."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Is any subsidy given by the Government for the construction of new type sanitary latrines? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No subsidy is given, but water seal slabs are given at concessional rates."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Is there a motor ambulance van attached to the Headquarters hospital to enable the patients to be conveyed from their villages to the Isolation Hospital at Nellore? "

THE HON SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir; whenever necessary, it is done."

Kodakkal Tile Factory, South Malabar.

* 1023 *Q.*—SRI K. P GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government received a memorandum from the Secretary, Kodakkal Commonwealth Tile Workers' Union, South Malabar, dated 8th June 1953, about the proposed indefinite closure of the Kodakkal Tile Factory ; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government in this matter?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Labour Officer of Kozhikode has intimated the management of the Kodakkal Commonwealth Tile Factory that they should not close the factory as per section 33 of the Industrial Disputes Act? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member is aware at what stage this subject is. May I appeal to him, through you, Sir, not to make a difficult matter more difficult by such questions? "

Women employees in the Secretariat.

* 1024 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of women employees in the Secretariat; and

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(*b*) the number as per religious and communal denomination and linguistic nativity?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House. I may add there are as many as 105 girl employees in the Secretariat."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" How many of these employees are disappointed spinsters, Sir? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I do not see how this question arises out of the main question."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state why the number of Backward Class candidates is so low and further how many amongst the 67 Hindus are Brahmans? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We cannot be dividing candidates now among various sub-communities. The question was about Christians and Hindus and I thought there was no harm in answering that. But further questions with regard to various Hindu sub-communities cannot be permitted, I fear, according to the Constitution. But with regard to Backward Classes and the Harijans who have got a kind of reservation under the Constitution, I have given the figures. There are 8 Backward Class women employees, not candidates as put by the hon. Member, and 2 Harijan women employees in the Secretariat. Considering their alleged backwardness, the position is not bad."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are these women clerks expected to work side by side with the male clerks? Are they given separate seating accommodation? Or, if they are made to sit and work along with the male clerks, will it be conducive to efficient working? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We cannot dispense with these difficulties in life unless we totally exclude one or the other from employment."

8-50 a.m. SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" May I know the reasons for the extremely disproportionate employment in relation to the population of the various nationalities? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I do not understand the word ' nationalities ' in this connection, Sir."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" May I know the reasons for the disproportionate employment in relation to the population of the various linguistic areas? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" When we are sampling out a particular category like women, in the present state of progress of education, courage and adventure,

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we sample out a small category. We cannot get satisfactory results in respect of another basis of analysis. I should congratulate myself that there are 64 Tamil girls ready to work in a place like the Secretariat, 17 Telugu girls ready to work in a place like the Secretariat and there are 19 Malayalam girls which is no surprise to me." (Laughter.)

SRI S. JAYARAMA REDDIAR :—" We are not against the employment of women clerks. As far as possible, will the Hon. Chief Minister see that they are not entertained as personal clerks to the secretaries? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The previous question was based on a principle that we should be careful in selecting equally from various linguistic areas. The present question says that particular categories of employment should not be given to them. Well, in the Secretariat, girls have to be employed mostly in such kind of work and we cannot make them assistant secretaries."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Are Government showing any concession, as far as educational qualifications are concerned, to these girl clerks when they offer themselves of posts, as against the male candidates? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No concession at all is given to them, Sir."

Alleged exemption of the Commonwealth Factories in Malabar from the operations of sections 79 to 81 of the Factories Act.

* 1025 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the British-owned Commonwealth Factories of Malabar have been exempted by the Government in G.O. Ms. No. 2934, dated 31st May 1949, from the operations of sections 79 to 81 of the Factories Act, 1948, and if so, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Commonwealth Tile Factories at Olavakkot, Kodakkal, Feroke, Puthiyara, Jappoo, Kudroli and Malpe, the Commonwealth Engineering Works, Mangalore, the Commonwealth Weaving Factories at Kozhikode and Cannanore and the Commonwealth Hosiery Factory at Mangalore, were all exempted from the provisions of Sections 79 to 81 of the Factories Act, 1948. The reason for exemption is that the General Manager of the Commonwealth Trust, Limited, lodged with the Chief Inspector of Factories a leave scheme for these institutions which provide benefits which are not less favourable, to the workers than those under Chapter VIII of the Factories Act. The exemption is according to Section 84 of the Act."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sections 79, 80 and 81 relate to the recuperative leave that should be compulsorily given to the